

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-2 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled)

3. (New) A portable bookstand comprising:

a horizontal member having an elongated rectangular shape, the horizontal member being elongated in right and left directions;

a shaft provided at a center of the horizontal member;

a hollow portion formed in the horizontal member;

a guide member provided in the hollow portion of the horizontal member;

a rotatable member having an elongated rectangular shape which is substantially the same size as the horizontal member, the rotatable member being supported on the horizontal member such that the rotatable member is able to rotate and slide about the shaft provided at the center of the horizontal member;

right and left guide rods received in the hollow portion of the horizontal member and engaged with the guide member such that the right and left guide rods are movable in the right and left directions of the horizontal member along the guide member, respectively, to reach an extended position and retract to a retracted position respectively;

right and left transparent binders fixed to the right and left guide rods, respectively, for pressing down right and left pages of a book; and

at least one pedestal provided on a back face of the horizontal member such that the at least one pedestal is movable between an extended position and a retracted position.

4. (New) The portable bookstand according to claim 1, wherein the rotatable member includes continuous teeth on its lateral faces.

5. (New) The portable bookstand according to claim 1, wherein the rotatable member includes a groove which engages with the shaft of the horizontal member to define a range of movement of the rotatable member with respect to the horizontal member.

6. (New) The portable bookstand according to claim 3, wherein a head of the shaft of the horizontal member is greater than the groove of the rotatable member.

7. (New) The portable bookstand according to claim 1, wherein the at least one pedestal comprises right and left pedestals.

8. (New) The portable bookstand according to claim 1, wherein the rotatable member includes a projecting element at one end thereof to support a lower edge of the book.